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E.O. 11652: GDS TAGS: PFOR, RH

SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S MEETING WITH TANZER

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CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY LOURENCO MARQUES FOR EASUM

1. WHILE DEPARTMENT HAS NOTED WITH INTEREST THE READING ON CURRENT WHITE ATTITUDES IN SOUTHERN RHODESIA PROVIDED AMBASSADOR BY SALISBURY MAYOR TANZER, WE HAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT MEETING HAVING TAKEN PLACE. AS EMBASSY AWARE, CONTACTS BETWEEN OFFICIAL AMERICANS AND OFFICIAL RHODESIANS ARE SPECIFICALLY PROHIBITED BY UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS. OUR GENERAL POLICY ON CONTACTS WITH OTHER RHODESIANS PERMITS THE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED TO CONFIDENTIAL

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GATHER INFORMATION BUT WITHOUT OURSELVES TAKING THE INI-

TIATIVE.

2. AS LEADER OF SMALL, MULTIRACIAL, LIBERAL (IN RHODESIAN TERMS) CENTER PARTY, TANZER MIGHT BE CONSIDERED NOT TO BE AN OFFICIAL RHODESIAN IN SENSE OF NOT BEINGIDENTIFIED WITH RHODESIAN CENTRAL GOVERNMENT OR RULING RHODESIAN FRONT PARTY. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE MAYOR OF SALISBURY, WHATEVER HIS PERSONAL POLITICAL COLORATION, IS PER SE A PROMINENT FIGURE AND HIGH-LEVEL US CONTACTS WITH HIM COULD

BE MISCONSTRUED BY OBSERVERS AS CONSULTATIONS WITH SMITH REGIME. WE WOULD NOT WISH CONTACT TO BE SO INTERPRETED.

3. DEPARTMENT THUS SUGGESTS THAT AMBASSADOR NOT MEET WITH TANZER UPON HIS RETURN TO BLANTYRE, MENTIONING PRIOR COMMITMENTS OR, IF PRESSED, PROVIDING EXPLANATION AS PER PARA 2. INGERSOLL

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